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India Transfer May Come Within Three Months

DOMINION STATUS IMPORTANT ISSUE

New Delhi, June 1.

Reliable political sources said tonight that Britain would transfer power to a Dominion government or governments in India within three months. The report came on the eve of Viceroy Viscount Mountbatten's crucial conference tomorrow with Hindu, Moslem and Sikh leaders, to whom he will present his plan of procedure of the British withdrawal from India.

CONCESSIONS BY SOVIETS

Korea Development

Seoul, June 1.

It was indicated today that the Russian delegation to the Joint Soviet-American Commission for Korea has made concessions to the United States demands for broad consultations with Korean political parties regarding the formation of a Korean provisional government.

It also appeared that the Soviet delegates have given ground from their previous sweeping opposition to full press coverage of the conference.

The official communiqué—the second since the Commission resumed negotiations last week—said the two delegations agreed "in principle" to consult Korean parties on a "broad basis." It also promised that news bulletins will be issued after each Commission session and detailed joint communiques after settlement of each major question.

ORIGINAL ATTITUDE

Until Saturday the Russians insisted that only these 30 political parties which were organized before March, 1946, when the Commission first met, should be eligible for consultation regarding the Korean desirability of a provisional government.

Maj.-Gen Albert E. Brown, chief of the United States delegation, urged that the Commission open its meetings to the press and issue daily bulletins.

While the Russians would not accept the entire proposal, the fact that they agreed to release daily synopsis of meetings was regarded as a concession by correspondents here. Heretofore, the Commission maintained strict secrecy on its proceedings except for occasional joint communiques.

The Commission's sub-committee No. 1, which broke up on a three-day deadlock on the consultation question last week, has been ordered to draw up a plan for consulting the Korean parties on a "broad basis."—United Press.

EDITORIAL

First Things First

COMING at a time when China's most urgent needs are internal peace and a readjusted economy, the preoccupation of the People's Political Council with the nation's so-called territorial integrity appears to be a trifle out of focus; an implied admission that the magnitude of the more vital problems puts them beyond the immediate horizon of the Council for solution. The fact that the second largest political party—the Communists—is no longer represented on the PFC entails a loss of significance in any pronouncements made by that body. The impression that it is becoming more a mouthpiece of the Kuomintang and less of the people, is gaining ground. Thus, while appreciable recognition must be given to resolutions passed by the PFC, they are not acceptable as being anything like fully representative opinion. On Saturday the delegates spent a lot of time debating resolutions concerning the future status of Port Arthur, Dairen, the Paracels, Miaoan and Hongkong, the discussions being invested with a fervency somewhat astonishing to the onlooker. The subjects have a relative importance, but with China in her present condition, they cannot fairly be regarded as first considerations. There have been many manifestations of the goodwill of the western powers towards China's legitimate aspirations and claims. Extrajurisdictional rights were abrogated in 1944; the end of the Pacific war found Manchuria and Formosa restored to China; an immeasurable amount of assistance, both in advice and in kind, has been given in rehabilitating the country; in the field of international diplomacy, China has been admitted as an equal, and her claims as one of the Big Five have been fully met. China has assumed big responsibilities and for the world new watches to see how she acquiesces herself of them. The virtues of accomplishments are to be preferred to the pieties of resolutions, and it is as well to remind China that need for integrity extends beyond that of territorial boundaries. Should the time come when it is considered that China's territorial demands can be met in full, the foreign powers involved will be entitled to assurances that their interests can and will be wholly protected. But if the Shanghai of today is any criterion, the prospects are foreboding.

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It was understood Lord Mountbatten originally suggested to the British Cabinet that Britain immediately recognise the Indian Interim Cabinet as a Dominion Government.

The British Cabinet balked, but, after personal talks with Lord Mountbatten, decided to recall all British provincial governors before the end of August.

The Cabinet was reported to have decided to introduce legislation soon in the House of Commons to put this programme of withdrawal into effect.

1. Give the Interim Cabinet or Cabinet-in-waiting powers to recall the British Governors.
2. Recall the British Governors.
3. Lord Mountbatten to remain the link between the Indian and Pakistan central Cabinets until the final transfer of power from the British to Indian and Pakistan is signed, including a treaty between the two states.

Legislation amending the Government of India's powers was reported ready and considered more important than the procedural plan to be placed before Indian leaders tomorrow.

Lord and Lady Mountbatten accompanied Sir Evan Jenkins, Governor of the Punjab, today on a visit to five burned-out villages in the Gurgaon district.

A Government communiqué said the party visited the hospital at Patiala, where Lady Mountbatten promised to arrange for much-needed medical supplies to be sent.

AMRITSAR IN FLAMES
A telephone message from Lahore said the city of Amritsar was in flames after widespread arson. Lahore was reported quiet after similar fires in recent weeks.

In an eleventh-hour move, Lord Mountbatten also invited two more representatives to tomorrow's conference.

He invited Acharya Kripalani, President of the Hindu Congress Party, at the written suggestion of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru—head of the Interim Government—and also a Congress leader.

To balance this, Lord Mountbatten also invited Aldurran Nishtar, a Moslem and Communications member of the Interim Government.

Thus, seven Indians altogether will attend the Viceroy's conference. Other Congress representatives will be Mr. Nehru and Vallabhbhai Patel, and the other Moslem League members Mohammed Ali Jinnah, President of the League, and Liaquat Ali Khan. Baldev Singh will represent the Sikhs.

PLAN APPROVED

Reliable sources said the British Cabinet approved Lord Mountbatten's procedural plan without change. Nehru, Patel and Baldev Singh were understood already to have expressed willingness to accept the alternative partition plan if no

agreement could be reached on the Cabinet Mission's plan for a federated India.

The Vice-Regal staff still was concerned whether Mr. Jinnah would accept partition of the provinces or a truncated Pakistan. Mr. Jinnah has remained uncommitted, despite persuasive efforts by Lord Mountbatten's political advisers.

Reliable reports said police bullets killed 200 persons—187 Hindus and Sikhs and 13 Moslems—during the recent disturbances in Lahore city. Representations have been made against the police who are largely Moslem. These accounted in part for the larger dispersal of armed forces from Southern India.—United Press.

VITAL MEETING

New Delhi, June 1.

At 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, Admiral Lord Mountbatten, Viceroy of India, with the Cabinet's approval will offer Indian leaders Dominion status for Hindustan and Pakistan, a division of Punjab and Bengal and fresh elections in the Northwest Frontier on the straight issue of whether or not this area should belong to Pakistan.

There is a riot of speculation in Delhi tonight among Princes and politicians and people on the contents of the plan which will be presented to Congress, the Muslim League and Sikh representatives.

Although the terms of the announcement, both in Britain and in India, are as secret as closely kept as the date of the Second Front, it is understood on good authority that the Viceroy will invite the leaders to accept Dominion status to take effect forthwith under the terms of the Westminster Statute.

The two Indus will have complete immunity from any kind of interference or control by the British Government. Both dominions will be required, however, to swear allegiance to the British Crown. A few top-ranking Congressmen, it is understood, have already accepted the proposal, which will eliminate the complicated question of an immediate split-up of the army. The army will probably continue to be under the General Staff, unless some other arrangement is mutually agreed upon.

If dominion status is accepted by Congress and the League, functions with the Viceroy as representative of the King will automatically disappear and he will assume the role of Governor-General of the two Indus. The fact that their will be a common Governor-General for both dominions will ensure a common policy for the maintenance of law and order.

It is envisaged that the present Interim Government will disappear with the introduction of dominion status. The mechanics of division are expected to be as already forecast—"national" partition of district by district until boundary commissions are set up to demarcate the frontiers. Details will be settled later—all Lord Mountbatten will do tomorrow is to read the plan to the Indian leaders to the broad concept of the plan. These will be wired to London during the afternoon or evening.—Reuters.

STOP PRESS
SHANGHAI QUIET, BUT EXPECTANT

Shanghai, early this morning, was tense and quiet while the city waited for the threatened general strike to materialize. Most of the schools were idle—the lower grades because teachers and parents believed it would be safer for pupils to remain indoors, and the upper grades because either the students or professors were holding out.

Special precautions, including martial law in some instances, were enforced in principal cities throughout China as government authorities announced their determination to frustrate what they claimed to be a Communist-inspired general strike.—United Press.

HEAT WAVE HITS LONDON

London, June 1.

Climaxing nearly a week of sweltering weather, cloudless skies and brilliant sun, yesterday drove the mercury up to 90 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade in London—the highest London recording since 1944.

Today's top reading was 87. Weather Bureau officials said there was no prospect of immediate relief for Eastern and Southern England.

The extreme heat came on the heels of Britain's worst winter in nearly 70 years. There were 34 days of sub-zero or near-zero weather last winter. The year's low for all England was six degrees below zero Fahrenheit in January. On the whole, considering both snow and cold, weather bureau officials termed it the worst winter since 1880.—United Press.

The Lord Mayor said he wished, once again, to say how grateful he is to the people of Hongkong for their wonderful response to the appeal. "We never expected such a magnificent contribution."

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The total contributions amount to approximately £13,300 sterling.

The decision to cut the ration was reached in an emergency meeting early tonight of Seine officials and Premier Paul Ramadier, following today's decision by the Paris Bakers' Union to call a "protest strike" against the Government's refusal to grant bakers a 1,000-franc monthly fixed indemnity for hard workers.

Previously demanding 1,500 francs monthly indemnity, the bakers had agreed to accept a 500-franc reduction. Government leaders, in a meeting with Union representatives last night, refused to accept even the compromise figure, however.

Paris housewives, however, were expected to be caught particularly short with no advance warning of the strike while shops were still open yesterday.

Observers considered it possible the new reduction might precipitate citywide bread demonstrations by high-tempered and distraught Parisians. At least 2,000 bakery shops are expected to be closed as a result of the strike order. Meanwhile, throughout the nation, labour remained restive. In the northern industrial centre of Lille, 65-workers were still on strike in various factories. In the Laval foundry, workers decided today to call a 24-hour strike, protesting their failure to gain higher wages.

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TEMPORARY REDUCTION
The reduction in the bread ration, although temporary, will be the second Paris housewives have undergone in just over one month.

Originally set at 300 grams daily, the ration for the entire nation was cut to 250 grams in April in face of the country's wheat shortage.

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STRIKE DECISION
Told of this at a meeting with the union leaders this morning, 4,000 bakers voted to strike.

Although the bakers voting to strike represented only those of the Paris area, the prefecture order cutting the bread ration by 50 per cent affects the population of the entire

WILL SHOOT
ON SIGHT

Jewish Migrants Face
New Order

Prague, June 1.
Polish border guards who turned their backs with Warsaw's approval during the past 12 months to let 65,000 illegal Jewish migrants to come over the "green border" into Czechoslovakia today have orders to shoot anyone attempting an illegal crossing.

The order, which went out about 15 days ago, has not yet been officially announced.

However, recent underground arrivals said the crossing was "more dangerous than before the policy of unwritten assent began."

Czechoslovakia has been the postwar sanctuary to Polish Jews returning from Russia or leaving the homeland to seek to DP camps in the American zones of Austria and Germany and, in some cases, direct to Palestine. The Czech Ministry of Welfare with UNRRA and AJDC co-operation fed, clothed and gave them transport.

The streaming humanity, which crossed the rolling hills into Bohemian border towns stealthily and singly at night at first, then in organised groups and finally in trucks from pickup points, reached the peak of over 22,000 during the month of August, 1946. By mid-May the 1947 stream was down to a trickle of 10 weekly.

Moving swiftly along lines of communication were professional border crossers—messengers, guides and commanders of exodus army. Some brought messages, money and sailing schedules. Many were equipped with forged passports, visas and military clearances to meet any eventuality.—United Press.

HK GENEROSITY OVERWHELMS THE LORD MAYOR

Flood Relief Fund Closes

Simultaneously with the closing of the British Flood Relief Fund on Saturday afternoon, the South China Morning Post, Ltd., received a letter from the Lord Mayor of London conveying further thanks for Hongkong's first donation, of £10,000.

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Already acknowledged (Per "H.K. Telegraph") \$284,151.70

Balance of Receipts of British Flood Relief Ball held in Gloucester Hotel on May 8 1,077.00

Hongkong Land Investment & Agency, Co. Ltd. 2,500.00

F. O. Louie & Co. 50.00

Beten's Beauty Salons 100.00

D. K. 25.00

European and Indian Staff of the Department of Imports and Exports 435.00

Anon. 75.20

"Caledonian" 200.00

St. Stephen's College, Stanley 300.00

S. W. Lee 200.00

Mrs. Alice H. Ruttonjee (In memory of the late Mr. Hormazji Ruttonjee) 50.00

Officers 1st Bn. The Devonshire Regiment 200.00

Far East Motors 500.00

"Proceeds Two Fines" 20.00

Far East Aviation Co., Ltd. 500.00

Far East Flying Training School, Ltd. 250.00

Mrs. K. Harila's Emporium 20.00

M. M. 100.00

A Humble Contributor 5.00

Staff, Farmers, Importers, Exporters and Bidders of Govt. Wholesale Vegetable Market, Kowloon (2nd Donation) 620.00

Dr. M. E. Asger 25.00

Wo Fat Sing, Ltd. 200.00

Per Wah Kiu Yat Po: The Church of Christ in China, Taipei \$40.00

Holy Trinity Church, Kowloon City 96.70

Swallow Christian Church 360.00

Evangelical Church Kowloon 31.20

Tsung Chun Church, Kowloon 58.00

Church of Christ in China, Aberdeen 40.50

Church of Christ in China, Shamshuipo 23.60

Sing Kit Wui Church 4.00

Basil Mission Church, Kau Yuen Tong 31.00

(22nd Instalment) \$750.00 750.00

Per The Chinese Manufacturers' Union

Chip Tak Machine Weaving Factory 20.00

A. Sek & Company 20.00

India Emporium, Paris Silk Store and Inner Bazaar 100.00

Mr. Landau (Jimmy's Kitchen) 671.50

Total £40-8-7 and \$203,000.00

These Things Happened In
England During Week-end

London, June 2.
Perhaps it was the heat, the mercury approached 90 degrees for the fourth consecutive day, but whatever the cause these incidents among others, were reported in the British press yesterday.

Elsie Rowlands, 22, and Dennis Denham, 20, were introduced, decided in less than an hour, to be married, and promptly did.

Betty Florence, 24, another bride, saved clothing ration coupons by crocheting her wedding gown.

The United Free Church of Scotland figured out that each British family spends in average of three pounds a week on drink, tobacco and betting.

Selfridges, London's first American-style department store, announced it would close its bargain basement because with present-day shortages there aren't enough bargains.

Postal inspectors found that a bird had torn open a letter, extracted a £20 cheque and used it to build a nest inside a mailbox.

The Mayor of Slough got into a row with fellow members of the Town Council for referring to inmates of a nearby Geiman prisoner-of-war camp as "our friends" and handing some of them sandwiches.

George Bernard Shaw, invited to send a message to a world youth congress in Prague, replied, "Read my books and leave me to die in peace."

Dance band leader Henry Campbell, one of Britain's leading trumpet players, forsook it all and entered a Trappist monastery.

British scientists solved a 177-year-old mystery—the poet Thomas Chatterton an opium addict?—by analysing stains in his pocket book and finding "definite traces of opium."

A tilted woman who would not give her name, gave some stamps to a dealer thinking they would be worth a few pennies and learned they were overvalued. Edward V. Lewis, worth up to £5,000.

Lionel Leale, a cousin of Winston Churchill, turned road repair worker as an escape from war and reported that he felt 10 years younger.—Associated Press.

ENGLAND'S TEST TEAM

London, June 1.

The England team against South Africa in the first cricket Test at Nottingham on June 7 to 11, will be selected from:

Norman Yardley (Yorkshire), captain; W. J. Edrich (Middlesex); J. W. Martin (Kent); Len Hutton (Yorkshire); Denis Compton (Middlesex); C. Washbrook (Lancashire); D. V. P. Wright (Kent); W. E. Hollies (Warwickshire); H. C. Dollery (Warwickshire); A. V. Bedser (Surrey); T. C. Evans (Kent); C. Cook (Gloucestershire).

The final eleven will be chosen on the morning of the match.—Reuters.

Compulsory Training

U.S. Preparedness Scheme

Washington, June 1.

All young Americans will have a six months' spell of compulsory peace time military training if the plan drawn up by the special civilian advisory committee and presented to President Harry Truman today is carried out.

The committee's 400-page report is the result of a six-month study and strongly recommends such training "to reassure the peace loving nations of world."

The plan calls for six months' basic training for 750,000 to 800,000 youths annually. The men would be taken at the age of 18 or on leaving school, whichever is later.

Basic training would be in either the Army or the Navy. After six months the trainee would be required to join the reserve or continue his training for another half year.

The cost of the training programme would be about \$51,750,000 per year, or less than the sum spent in one week in World War I.

PROFESSOR'S REPORT
In the report, the atomic research scientist, Professor Karl Compton, said:

"It is apparent from the lessons of history and from experience of the post-war period that the only way in which we can find authority to our voice in international affairs and inspire confidence in the ability of the United Nations to enforce peace is to maintain our armed forces at a level of efficiency and comprehensiveness that will defy challenge by any would-be aggressor."

The Commission also urged that "a start should be made now towards decentralising the most vital plants and in some cases towards building underground or otherwise totally protected facilities."

"One of the deterrents to the effectiveness of the United Nations is the belief of other nations that we are stripping ourselves of strength necessary to support our moral leadership and are thus encouraging the powers that may not share our peaceful aims to plan campaigns of aggression."

"The addition of the atomic bomb in the incalculable horrors of modern war has eliminated the concept of zones of safety in any future attack on this country."

THE NEW NEED
"By making war universal, devastating and immediate in its impact, new developments in warfare have created the need for trained men in every city and every town—men who would be available at once in an emergency."

The committee rejected the argument that modern warfare has eliminated the need for mass military forces, adding: "Our analysis convinces us that increased rather than decreased numbers of trained troops would be quickly required for home defence, for effective counter-attack and for complete victory."

Press-button warfare was not a development of the foreseeable future.

The first day of attack might result in "crippling destruction of some of our largest cities and elimination of our facilities including those engaged in the manufacture of atomic explosives," the report said.—Reuters.

Women BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

Lois Leeds gives you some wise and helpful hints.

"DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

"Dear Lois Leeds—My daughter sixteen, has very oily hair. She won't brush it. What else would help—MOM."

You will have to be firm and insist upon brushing. Nothing else so stimulates the scalp. Get your daughter a good hairbrush. If she still refuses to use it, you know where it would be helpful!

"Dear Lois Leeds—My skin is all right in looks but I look pale and I droop, though I am well. Should I use colourful makeup?—IDA E."

First, try the out of doors; gardening, walking, outdoor play (and work, too) will pep you up and put colour in your skin. Colourful makeup should be your last resort. A change of diet and living habits will do wonders for you.

"Dear Lois Leeds—My hair is overbleached, very blonde and ugly. What can I do?—MARIE."

Minute Makeup by GABRIELLE



Never put makeup on a soiled skin. Step One.—Cleanse. Step Two.—Refresh with skin freshener. Step Three.—Apply powder, foundation. Step Four.—Cream rouge. Step Five.—Face Powder. Step Six.—Groom the eyes. Step Seven.—Apply lipstick. It's truly Step by Step to Beauty!

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Oh, we sang a couple of hymns and they gave us the usual sales talk about heaven!"

YORKSHIRE NEWSLETTER:

BAD WEATHER COST TO SPORTS CLUBS

By B. C. Dunthorne

One of the things that has been overlooked is the terrific cost that many sports organisations have faced, and will be called upon to face, as a result of the bad weather early this year.

ECHOES HELP ALASKAN CHARTING

Echoes, uncounted numbers of them, will help to write more accurate Alaska sea charts.

Depth recorders and fathometers on coast and geodetic survey mother ships and their coveys of launches will be clicking away almost endlessly from the outer Aleutians into Bristol bay and even in the far north sector of Point Barrow in the coming months.

Seven ships, some still bearing scars of World War II and decorations from World War I, assembled in Seattle before sailing north for the unexplored work. Many Alaska areas never have been charted. Ships traversing these waters have only their own observations, or old Russian charts, or sounding records of infrequent cannery ships to guide them.

The "mountains that don't show" are one result of such work. In recent years, 10 gigantic underwater mountains have been found in the Gulf of Alaska. One of them is 11,350 feet high, but the summit is still a half mile under the surface.

True "Great Circle"

New charts which might make the true "great circle" route to the Orient usable are another possibility. The great circle leads through the Aleutian island chain so that several hundred miles might be sailed in the Behring Sea, if the weather is favourable.

Japanese freighters, loading lumber at Washington and Oregon ports before the war, used the shorter route through Unimak Pass in the Aleutians, North Pacific-wise Japanese moved quickly into the Aleutians to invade Attu and Kiska, presumably with similar chart knowledge gained from "fishermen."

All during the recent war, American surveying ships rushed their work, adding to knowledge gained in prewar years.—Associated Press.

REMBRANDT "SHAVED"

The experts have finally solved the mystery of Rembrandt's beard, which for a while was a real puzzle.

Examination recently revealed that the centuries-old self portrait by Rembrandt was taking on a slow growth of whiskers. The picture had been taken to Zurich, Switzerland, as part of an Austrian art exhibition.

A few closer looks, however, showed that it was not Rembrandt coming back to life at all, but simply the appearance of some sponges which were favoured by the Zurich climate.

The experts also explained that the painting had been sheltered in a safe mine during the Allied bombings of Vienna, and that the artist had used home-made paints that contained ingredients particularly edible for sponges.

The scientists issued with relief the announcement that Rembrandt got shaved—with insecticide.—United Press.

British Trade Catching Up

Despite war and after-war handicaps, Britain is making a rapid comeback in South American trade.

Official figures made available in New York show that Britain is rapidly overhauling the United States.

In the first quarter of 1947 the United States delivered 450,671 tons of merchandise and equipment to Argentina ports. In the same time, despite weather conditions and other factors, England was able to deliver 411,101 tons.

Americans are watching closely to see just how soon British products outstep theirs.

They remember British predictions last year that Britain would surpass America within two years of the end of the war.

Britain sold about twice as much as the United States in Argentina before the war, and some British officials are predicting this state of affairs will return within four or five years at the most.

Emphasis was given to the point at the beginning of the cricket season (it opened with wet weather as usual) by the announcement that Doncaster and district cricket league had given permission to British Ropes Sports Club to play all their matches on a matting wicket.

While the club will probably be the first in the district to play league matches on such a wicket, the reason behind it is exceptionally interesting. British Wire Ropes laid down a first class grass wicket at their ground at a cost of £400, but this has been completely ruined. Many clubs are faced with a serious position, but in a lesser degree, and have not the facilities like the big clubs to repair their position.

But there is every indication that the Yorkshire clubs of all descriptions will not allow such things to affect their games, and more use is likely to be made of municipal facilities than has been the case in the past.

The opening matches of the county season were watched with more than usual interest by all Yorkshire fans, and by others also because of the possibility of N.W.D. Yardley following W. R. Hammond as England's captain.

He had an early opportunity of showing his ability for he had to captain Yorkshire against the M.C.C. in the opening match as Sellers was unable to get away for business reasons.

Schoolboy Rugby

Schoolboy rugby seems to be extending its hold. Sheffield's coaching scheme is making good progress, and now Doncaster West Riding Education Committee is considering the introduction of Rugby into its schools next winter. But while Sheffield seems to be content to have the two codes, in Doncaster the proposal is that Rugby shall be played instead of Soccer.

There have already been meetings between the Finance Committee, representatives of the National Union of Teachers, Mr. J. G. Hoare, county adviser on P.T. and Mr. H. Holden of Edenthorpe and Mr. Park of the Leeds Schoolboy Rugby Football Association.

Senior rugby clubs throughout the West Riding are taking a keen interest in the coaching of boys, but so far there is no indication that the soccer clubs are to follow suit, though in the Rotherham area there has been an inclination to get the Football Associations area coaches to address schoolboys, and give them lessons.

If the "war" develops much further it seems more than likely the senior soccer clubs will have to take a more active interest than they do in boys at the present moment.

Soldier Explorers

Corporal L. Falkner, of 13 Lifford Road, Doncaster, and Cadet C. Holland, of Peace Avenue, Newcastle, are two of the seven ATC cadets chosen to accompany the Public Schools Exploring Society Expedition to Newfoundland this summer.

A possible £70,000 mill deal is causing considerable interest at Halifax. It is expected that the purchase of the textile mill of Hamer (Wright) and Sons, Ltd., Gravelly, by the drapery and furnishing firm of Hyde and Co., Kingston, Surrey, will be announced soon.

York is now the centre in the north for both the Army and the RAF. This has been brought about by the removal of the headquarters of No. 64. (Northern Reserve) RAF Group from Sheffield to York.

They have taken over Heslington Hall recently vacated by No. 4 Group, Transport Command, RAF.



They Go On Hoping Despite...

FRANKFURT—Every two or three days, another letter arrives.

"...I can't believe that he is dead. A friend of my husband told me that he saw him in Germany alive a week after I got the cable telling me that he was missing. Can't you find him for me?"

That one came from a wife in Wisconsin. Her missing husband is one of the 6,000 Americans who are "presumed dead."

But their bodies have never been recovered as a final proof of death. It was nearly three years ago that the first American assault waves stormed across the Nonhandy beaches.

Many letters come from wives, daughters, sons, aunts and uncles. They are still hopeful. After each letter the United States Army headquarters makes another investigation.

None of the investigations has turned up any of the missing, but still letters arrive.

No Trace

"My son is not dead," a Connecticut father insisted. "The bomber he was flying crashed in a tall tree, leaving him in a dazed condition. A buddy of my son told me so. The Germans, who picked him up, took him to a plateau on a mountain near Colmar. He is still there."

The letter contained a rough hand-drawn sketch of the little village. Attached was a note: "I was told to look here and I would find my son."

The Americans consulted the French police in the area. There was no trace even of the town shown on the map.

A distraught mother from Illinois was certain that her son was still alive. He was reported missing during the crossing of the Moselle River.

"I read that the river had been swept. If he died you should have found the body."

7,000 "Missing"

Since the end of the war more than 7,000 "missing" soldiers have been located in Europe—all dead. The army does not believe that any more of the missing will be found alive.

But the army will continue to answer letters the same way it answered one American mother, who wrote that she "knew" her son was alive in Belgium.

After a long search the army found a little Dutch girl who had seen her son's plane go down during the German occupation of Holland.

The little Dutch girl sat down and wrote in English as best as she could: "When the Germans found him they took him to a village chapel and Mass was read for him. They buried him in our village cemetery. ... He seemed lonely there. ... I put some flowers on his grave."

Letters still arrive—every two or three days.—United Press.

ONE OF THE TALLEST

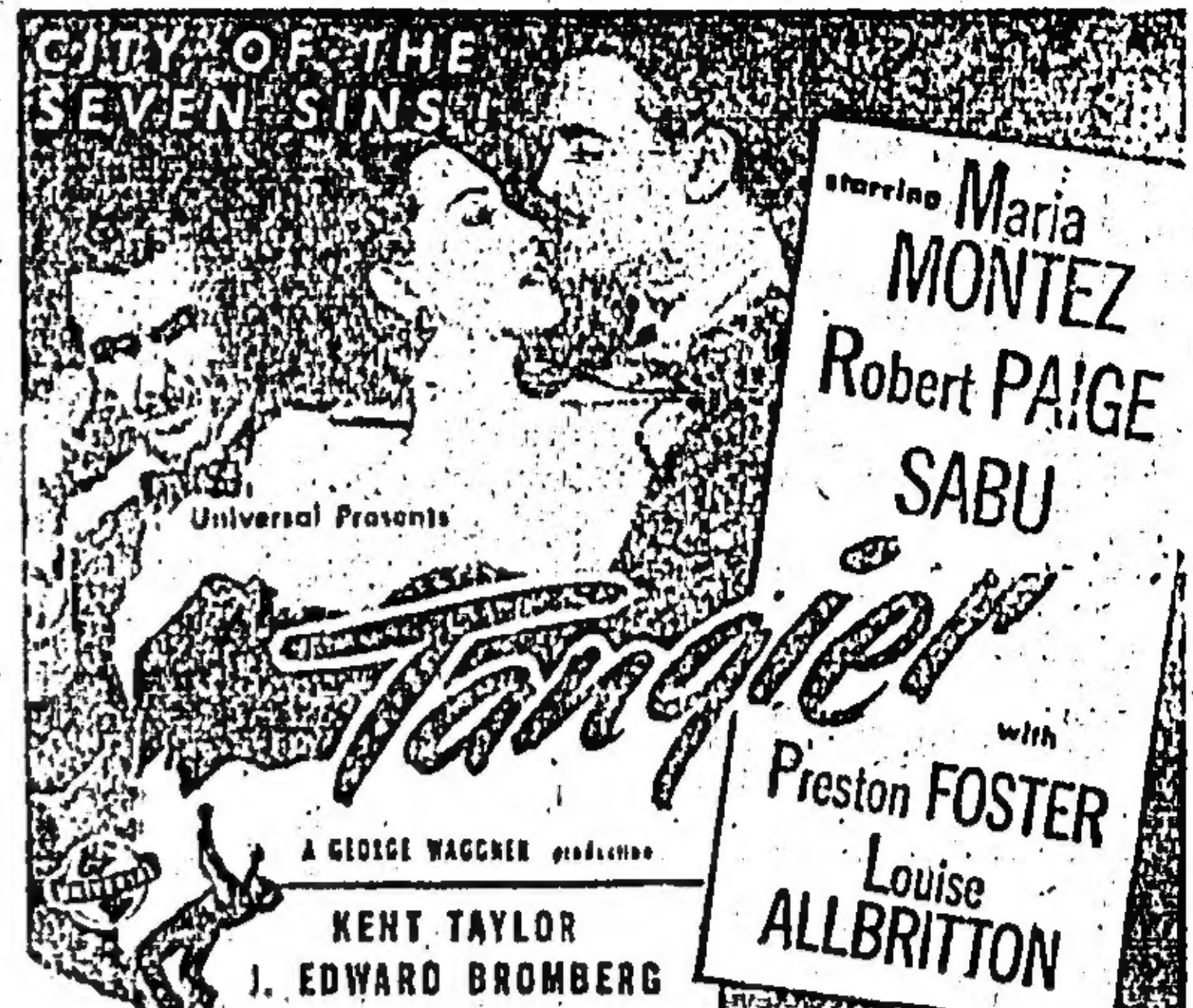


Sir Adrian Boult, who joined the BBC in 1930, as Director of Music—a post he held for 12 years—now devotes his time solely to conducting symphony concerts throughout the year, both in Britain and abroad. He is also chief conductor of the BBC's eight weeks summer season of Promenade Concerts and fortnightly winter season of "Proms." Sir Adrian, who is six feet four inches in height, is one of the tallest conductors in the world.

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Stewards Department personnel for the new American President Lines' luxury liner, President Cleveland, will attend a special four weeks' refresher course in the culinary arts prior to reporting aboard the ship for its maiden voyage to the Orient, tentatively scheduled for late August.

Designed to assure the highest calibre of service for ocean-going passengers and to re-train personnel in the niceties of catering to pleasure tourists after a lapse of several war years, the schooling will be conducted at the U.S. Maritime School in Alameda, California.

The President Cleveland's chef and all cooks, bakers, pantries and butlers will attend the classes, in addition to all waiters, room and

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lounge stewards and bellboys. The liner's chief steward, second steward and head waiters also will participate, acting as instructors to augment the teaching staff of the Maritime Commission.

PLANE CRASHES DURING AIR DISPLAY

Stockholm, June 1. A jet-propelled Vampire fighter plane about to land while taking part in a Swedish Air Force display today crashed into a motorcar and hit the wall of a factory, bursting into flames and setting fire to the building. The pilot, Lieutenant Karl Erik Lofdash, was killed. The factory roof was crowded with spectators but none of them was injured.—Reuter.

Renewed Fighting In Indonesia

Batavia, June 1. Dutch artillery opened fire at West Modjokerto, in the middle sector of the Sourabaya perimeter on the night of May 30, the Indonesian Antara news agency reported today.

The report said: "The Dutch started an assault last Wednesday with heavy armaments. The Indonesians counter-attacked, repelling a Dutch company and reclaiming positions."

Dutch official sources did not confirm the Antara message, but stated that sporadic fighting was reported south of Sourabaya throughout the week. Two Dutch casualties were suffered at Sidoarjo, on the east sector.

From Malang, it was reported that the Indonesians held air raid exercises on May 30, while from Batavia, Indonesian Information Ministry officials have confirmed that all Republican Army leave has been cancelled since the Republican Commander-in-Chief, General Sudirman, made his radio speech ordering his men to rejoin their units.

In Jogjakarta today, Dr. Sutan Sjahrir's National Cabinet will consider the Dutch memorandum containing the Federal Interim Government's proposals for implementing the Lingard agreement and the 14-day time limit.

Counter proposals are likely to be drafted, according to reliable Indonesian sources here.—Reuter.

Margate As Seen By Pravda

Moscow, June 1. Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, declared today that the British Labour Party Conference had disclosed a "good deal of differences between the working masses of Britain and the leaders of the Labour Party."

The Conference, it was declared, did not solve vitally important problems of British foreign and domestic policy, and the speeches there were a serious warning to Britain's ruling circles, the newspaper stated.—Reuter.

Death Roll Now 42

New York, June 1. Another survivor of Thursday's air crash at LaGuardia Airfield, New York, died today, raising the death toll to 42. Six survivors are still in hospital.

This brings the death total from air crashes in the United States since Thursday to 95. Fifty-three persons were killed when a Skyraider transport plane crashed in Maryland on Friday.

The week-end has seen three violent deaths, including 140 in fatal road accidents. This total is expected to increase.—Reuter.

Up-to-the-Minute Sports News:

FRANCE'S SECOND DAVIS CUP VICTORY

Paris, June 1. France achieved her second successive European Zone Davis Cup victory when it won the last two singles matches in the third round tie with Monaco today.

Bernard Destremau of France defeated Alcega Nephos of Monaco, 7-5, 6-2, 6-1; Robert Abdessalam, replacing Marcel Bernard, defeated Vladimir Landau of Monaco, 6-2, 6-1, 6-love.—United Press.

YUGO-SLAVS WIN

Brussels, June 1. The Yugo-Slavs, Dragutin Mitic and Josip Palada, defeated the Belgians doubles team, Andre Lacroix and Philippe Washer, 2-6, 1-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2, to gain a 2-1 advantage in the third round of the European Zone Davis Cup tie, with two singles matches still to play.—United Press.

BELMONT STAKES WINNER

New York, June 1. C. V. Whitney's Phalanx, by field out of Jacala, won the Belmont Stakes over one and a half miles yesterday, beating Tidelips by four lengths, with Talpin third. This was the third of the races forming the American triple crown, and Phalanx had been second in the Kentucky Derby, which was won by Jet Pilot and third in the Preakness Stakes, won by Faultless.

Clash Over MacArthur Policy To Help Jap Textile Industry Seen

New York, June 2. American textile manufacturers, in their desire to prevent strong Japanese competition for world markets, appear to be headed for a clash with General Douglas MacArthur's economic advisers.

This was indicated last week in expressions of leading textile exporters and a long-time adviser of Gen. MacArthur.

Exporters again made it clear they want Japanese textile capacity kept under rigid controls, and to not want it aided by American advice on newest technological developments.

Mystery Of Canteen Girl's Death

Cologne, June 1. British special investigators attempted today to trace events leading up to the mysterious death of Miss Primrose Lor, 25-year-old British canteen girl, in the Rhine River on Friday.

Miss Lor, a canteen van driver for the Salvation Army, was stationed in Dueren, 20 miles southeast of Cologne.

A German fisherman found her body floating on the surface of the Rhine at Warringen, 10 miles north of Cologne.

Events from the time she was last seen at Dueren until her body was found, approximately 30 miles away, less than 12 hours later, rather a blank, one official said.

Friends said that Miss Lor, whom they describe as a quiet girl, seemed in a normally cheerful frame of mind on Friday morning in Dueren. How she reached Cologne or Dueren is not yet known.

German police who recovered her body, still clad in uniform, said it had apparently been in the water for four or five hours.

An added element of mystery is why the body was still floating after such a length of time in the water.

Investigators said an inquest would be held tomorrow.—Associated Press.

ARAB LEAGUE TO MEET

Damascus, June 1. Announcing a meeting of the Political Commission of the Arab League on Tuesday, Damascus papers reported today: "The Arab League will declare war on Jews at Thursday's vital meeting."—Reuter.

Lord Knollys On Way Home

Sydney, June 2. Lord Knollys, retiring chairman of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, and Mr. Whitney Straight, left Sydney last night for London on the last stage of a 33,000 mile world flight over BOAC routes.

They travelled in a special Lancaster.—Associated Press.

SAYAJIRAO'S GALLOP

Newmarket, June 2. The Maharaja of Baroda's Derby colt, Sayajirao, did a good stripped gallop over a mile and three furlongs yesterday, ridden by his Epsom jockey, E. Brit.

Sayajirao was reported to have moved freely and well.—Associated Press.

BASEBALL STANDINGS

New York, June 2. Major league baseball standings, including the May 31 games, are as follows.

National League		Won	Lost
New York	21	14	7
Chicago	21	16	5
Brooklyn	20	17	3
Boston	20	17	3
Pittsburgh	17	17	3
Philadelphia	17	22	3
Cincinnati	16	22	3
Saint Louis	15	22	3
American League		Won	Lost
Detroit	24	14	7
New York	20	17	3
Cleveland	18	18	3
Boston	18	18	3
Philadelphia	18	18	3
Washington	16	19	3
Chicago	16	22	3
Saint Louis	14	21	3

—Associated Press

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U.S. Superforts To Make Goodwill Flight To U.K.

London, June 2. A squadron of Superfortresses of the Strategic Air Command, United States Army Air Force, will make two demonstration flights covering most of England and parts of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland during a goodwill and training visit to the Royal Air Force between June 9 and June 15, the Air Ministry announced yesterday.

Nine of the huge Boeing aircraft, which are of the type used to carry the four atomic bombs that have been dropped from the air, will make the flights in formation from the RAF station at Marham, Norfolk.

The first demonstration will take place on June 11 and will include two flights over London.

The second demonstration will take place on June 14.—Associated Press.

GANDHI THE ORACLE CONSULTED ON WAR

Bombay, June 1. Mohandas K. Gandhi, Indian spiritual leader, told the United Press today that war between the United States and Russia, in his opinion, was "possible but highly improbable."

SCHUMACHER OUTBURST

Frankfurt, June 1. Kurt Schumacher, one-armed Social Democrat leader, told 8,000 sweltering Socialists today that Germany, although really the balance point of the world, was being treated by the victorious powers as a puppet.

Alternately shouting and purring as he addressed an audience packed into the rubble of the ancient Frankfurt Roemerberg, Schumacher demanded an increase in German industrial production and the opening of exports so that Germany might import food.

"We Germans cannot be bought with Russian cigarettes nor with American CARE packages," he shouted.

"We Socialists are accused of organising self-pity, but all we want is some common sense. The Allied powers claim they want to adopt a realistic attitude towards Germany. If they can't see realistically what is wrong in Germany today, then something has badly mislaid."

"We Socialists can tell about dictatorship because we lived under one. We can also tell the Western powers about Communism."

"There is an iron curtain in front of the Eastern zone and a silken curtain—that obscures—the view in front of the Western zones. As for we Germans, we get so few calories our eyes have gone bad and we can't see out into rest of the world."

Following the line set by the American and British occupation authorities, Schumacher said the economic unity of Germany must come first. "Only then can we be in a position to handle political matters," he declared.

He said that in 1945 the Allied powers had the chance to "wipe out the German people." However, they decided to let the German people live, but only in a state half between life and death.

He warned the United States; "Hunger and need in Europe also affect the Western world. Either the German industrial life shall be helped with raw materials and food, or world democracy shall have lost a great battle."—United Press.

Rehabilitation In Okinawa

Tokyo, June 2. One of the bloodiest battlefronts of the Pacific War—Okinawa, in the Ryukyus—seems to be rehabilitating slowly and surely and is responding well under United States Army guidance and direction, according to a report issued yesterday by General Douglas MacArthur on military government activities in that area for January and February this year.

The Ryukyus are divided politically into four provisional governments, including Okinawa, where "practically all the facilities for obtaining revenue were destroyed" and "only a small portion of the governmental cost is met by revenue."

The Ryukyans, however, are trying their hardest to help themselves.

"The industries which can obtain raw materials locally are progressing satisfactorily," General MacArthur noted.—Associated Press.

DEMAND RECALL OF GOVERNOR

Colombo, Ceylon, June 1. The immediate recall of the Ceylon Governor and the dismissal of the Chief Secretary were demanded today by the United Lanka Congress in a cable to the British Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones.

The strike situation is unchanged today. The handling of ships in Colombo harbour is continuing without interruption as no labourers struck, although landing waiters and customs men walked out yesterday.

The naval authorities here have denied press reports that Royal Marines of H.M.S. Glasgow, at present in the harbour, were standing by to help the civil authorities in handling the situation caused by the strikes.

Mr. Richard Aluvihare, Ceylon's first civilian Inspector General of Police, who is currently holding a series of liaison conferences with local military commanders and outstation police superintendents, told Reuters that he was absolutely confident in the ability of the police to deal with any emergency that might arise.—Reuter.

Egypt's Sterling Balances

London, June 1. Seven delegates from the Egyptian Ministry of Finance arrived in London today to take part in the discussions concerning the readjustment of the Egyptian and National Bank of Egypt sterling balances.—Reuter.

Monty's Secret Radio Link With Churchill

Washington, June 1. The British Information Service has revealed the secret behind secret radio No. 10. That was the code name given to the secret radio, a specially devised portable machine by which Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery and Prime Minister Winston Churchill maintained contact in World War II.

HUNGARIAN EX-PREMIER'S FORTUNE

Vienna, June 1. The five-year-old son of Ferenc Nagy, Hungarian ex-premier, was reported by the Vienna newspapers to be on his way tonight by car to Bern, Switzerland, to join his father, who resigned by telephone on Friday, after the Russians had accused him of treason.

The child, who had with him the family's £20,000 fortune and jewels, was travelling in the car presented to Nagy by the Russians last year.

The family fortune was claimed by Nagy as the condition of his resignation.

The newspaper quoted the Socialist Vice-Premier, Dr. Arpad Szankai, as saying that the new government of General Lajos Dinnyes, sworn in yesterday, must be considered a "caretaker government" and that the country must go to the polls in the autumn at the latest.

The Arbeiter Zeitung, Austrian Socialist paper, said that Hungary's forthcoming elections "will no longer be free." The Communist press here hailed the government changes as ending the situation "dangerous for the new democracy."—Reuter.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the time stated below: Monday, June 2.

Canton (Train) 1:30 p.m.
Manila P.I. (Sea) 3 p.m.
Straits (Sea) 3 p.m.
Batavia, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Sydney (Sea) 3 p.m.
Straits, Sydney, Auckland and London (Air) 3:30 p.m.
Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Nanking, Kuning, Canton, Amoy and Foochow (Air) 3:30 p.m.
Hohow only (Air) 3:30 p.m.
Kobe, Yokohama, Osaka, Tientsin and Shensi (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Train) 5 p.m.

Tuesday, June 3
Manila P.I. only (Air) 10 a.m.
Canton (Sea) 9:15 a.m. and also 10:30 a.m.
Hohow, Shanghai, Straits and Hongkong (Sea) 10 a.m.
Canton (Train) 1:30 p.m.
Bangkok, Swatow (Sea) 2 p.m.
Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.
Singapore, Sourabaya & Colombo (Air) 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4
Manila P.I. only (Air) 10 a.m.
Hohow, U.S.A. & Canada (Air) 10 a.m.
Straits (Sea) 10 a.m.
U.S.A., Central & South America & Canada via San Francisco (No Parcel for Canada) (Sea) 10 a.m.
Hohow, Tsamkong, Swatow and Amoy (Sea) 10 a.m.

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STATION STRIKE ENDS SUDDENLY

London, June 2. An unofficial strike at midnight on Saturday, which threatened to tie up traffic at Euston station, one of London's great railway terminals, ended last yesterday.

Porters, signmen and ticket collectors agreed to return to work when assured by union officials that steps would be taken to speed negotiations for a requested pay increase and shorter hours. A skeleton staff kept the station operating the strike period.—Associated Press.

Pope To Broadcast

Rome, June 1. The Pope will broadcast over the Vatican Radio at 9:30 hours GMT tomorrow morning on what was understood in Rome tonight to be an analysis of the world situation, particularly as it concerned youth.—Reuter.